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Automotive Assembly Division
Ford Motor Company

Ohio Truck Plant
850 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio 44012

September 24, 1979

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Emergency Response
316 East Broad Street - Room 1013
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attention: Kenneth A. Schults

Dear Mr. Schults:

This is in response to apparent minor oil spill that occurred at the Ohio Truck Plant April 24, 1979. A report of the incident was telephoned to the U. S. Coast Guard.

The following information pertains to the spill incident:

1. The product was Shell Iris Hydraulic Fluid. Shell Iris is oil emulsified with 40% water. The amount lost was about 30 gallons. The Shell Iris seeped from a damaged 55 gallon drum over a period of three or four days.
2. An estimated 10 gallons was recovered.
3. The spill escaped through the underground storm sewer on the plant site, which flows to Lake Erie through the city storm sewer system.
4. The old corrugated subsurface storm drain has been plugged to prevent future incidents. Booms and other containment materials are maintained on site should they be needed. In addition, the area is to be inspected every three hours by plant security.
5. There is no NPDES permit required.
6. On April 25, 1979, 1:00 p.m., BM3 Peter D. Killmer, USCG, Cleveland, Ohio Station, notified the plant that an oil sheen was observed at the city of Avon Lake, storm sewer outfall to Lake Erie. Upon this notification plant inspection was undertaken and the aforementioned drum was found to be seeping.

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7. On April 25, 1979, at 5:15 p.m., Mr. John Jayne called Mr. Killmer, USCG, to inform him that the possible cause had been found with the Shell Iris drum. At this time, Mr. Killmer advised that further reporting was not necessary, since the sheen was being collected by a private contractor, and that it was not an emergency condition.
8. No Ohio EPA identification number has been assigned to this incident.

Very truly yours,

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Plant Manager

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